## SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 10, 2004

A Trooper with the South Carolina Highway Patrol was arrested by SLED agents Tuesday morning, February 10, 2004, and charged with **Criminal Conspiracy**, **Misconduct in Office**, **Obstruction of Justice**, and **Soliciting anything of value for the performance of his duties**.

Redding C. Smith, of Conway, S.C., was arrested around 9:30 a.m. and booked at the Horry County Detention Center. The case will be prosecuted by the Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants attached.

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Judge's Telephone (843) 915-5070

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State of South Carolina

County of Horry

**Affidavit** 

Personally appeared before me one Agent James L. Johnson after having been duly sworn, disposes and says;

That on February 05, 2003 Christopher David Cordes was arrested by Trooper G.L. Stith of the South Carolina Highway Patrol for Driving Under the Influence. Christopher D. Cordes provided Agents of The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division with a sworn written statement, stating that on or about February 10, 2003, he spoke with Ronald Stalvey Jr. about the Driving Under the Influence arrest. Stalvey informed Cordes that for the sum of \$1800.00 he could have the criminal charge of Driving Under the Influence dismissed. Cordes further stated that Ronald Stalvey Jr. instructed him to bring any and all correspondence that he receives from the Horry County Magistrates Office and the State of South Carolina Department of Public Safety to him at his place of business located at 1605 4th Ave. Conway, South Carolina. Cordes further stated that while at Stalvey's Liquor Store he did observe the name of R.C. Smith an employee of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, on a rolodex on a desk. Stalvey then called Trooper Smith on the telephone in the in the presence of Christopher D. Cordes and discussed the Driving Under the Influence arrest. Cordes further stated that over a period of time he did deliver all correspondences he received regarding the Driving Under the Influence arrest to Ronald Stalvey Jr. at his liquor store located at 1605 4th Ave. Conway, South Carolina.

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After being interviewed, Ronald Stalvey began cooperating with investigators and indicated that the Trooper and himself did have an agreement to take money from individuals that received Driving Under the Influence tickets and resolve these tickets by dismissal. Mr. Stalvey then met with the R.C. Smith and recorded conversations between himself and Trooper R.C. Smith during which they did engage in conversations concerning disposing of a traffic tickets in exchange for money. Moreover, that Trooper Smith did state the excuse he would provide SLED officers if he was interviewed and did tell or discuss the story Mr. Stalvey should relate to the investigators if he was further questioned. Trooper Smith was involved in his official capacity as a Trooper with the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Trooper R.C. Smith did commit the crimes of Criminal Conspiracy, Misconduct in Office, Obstruction of Justice and Soliciting anything of value for the performance of his duties. This being in violation of the South Carolina Code of laws as amended 1976.

Sworn to and subscribed by me this 09th day of February, 2004

Judge

Affiant